

*** DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – February 2005 Winter Storms and Flooding ***

WHEREAS, winter storms arrived in Arizona on February 10, 2005, bringing excessive amounts of precipitation throughout the central and eastern sections of the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, rivers and creeks have overrun, flooding roads, causing road and bridge closures and impacting utility systems; and

WHEREAS, many central and eastern Arizona towns and communities have evacuated residents in low lying areas and opened shelters; and

WHEREAS, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal and Yavapai Counties and the Town of Wickenburg have declared a state of emergency and are requesting assistance from the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the February 2005 Winter Storms and Flooding justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal and Yavapai Counties and the Town of Wickenburg due to the rainfall and subsequent flooding associated with the Winter Storms, effective February 10, 2005 and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Order that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of
Arizona


GOVERNOR



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of
February in the Year Two Thousand Five and of the
independence of the United States of America the Two
Hundred and Twenty-ninth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE